

WIN_PST 3

Instructions for NON-USDA Employees / Computers

This document will help you install WIN-PST and get up and running. For instructions on using the software, refer to the “Getting Started Guide”.

BRIEF INSTRUCTIONS

To use WIN-PST 3, complete the following steps:

- A) Download the “Getting Started Guide” and WIN-PST 3 software
- B) Install the WIN-PST 3 software
- C) Download the latest pesticide data update to your computer
- D) Download the soils data to your computer.
- E) Open Win-PST 3 software and import the soils data and latest pesticide update information from your computer into the WIN-PST program.

Note for Vista users: You will need to download and install .NET Framework 1.1 before downloading WIN-PST.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

A. Download the Win-PST 3 software

1. Navigate to: <http://www.wsi.nrcs.usda.gov/products/W2Q/pest/winpst.html> to get the “Getting Started guide (#a) and software (#b) as shown below.

The screenshot shows the website for the Windows Pesticide Screening Tool WIN-PST 3.0. The page has a green header with the title "Windows Pesticide Screening Tool WIN-PST 3.0". On the left side, there is a navigation menu with links: "WIN-PST 3.0", "WIN-PST 3.0 Software Download - Released 11-11-05", "Instructions for Installing WIN PST 3.0", "WIN-PST Soils", "WIN-PST 3.0 Getting Started", "New! Pesticide Data Update for WIN PST 3.0 Software (Released 11/01/2006)", "Updated Pesticide Properties Database (PPD) (Released 11/01/2006)", "Documents Related to WIN-PST 3.0", and "Pest Management Team Contacts Page". On the right side, the main content area is titled "What is WIN-PST?" and describes the tool. Below this is a section titled "WIN-PST 3.0 Software" which states "WIN-PST 3.0 is now CCE Certified! Released 11-11-05". Further down, it lists "New features of WIN-PST 3.0 include:" followed by a bulleted list of features. At the bottom, there is a section titled "Download WIN-PST 3.0:" which provides instructions for downloading the software. Annotations are present: #a points to the "WIN-PST 3.0 Getting Started" link in the navigation menu; #b points to the "WIN-PST 3.0 - Alternate Download" link in the "Download WIN-PST 3.0:" section; and #c points to the "Updated Pesticide Properties Database (PPD) (Released 11/01/2006)" link in the navigation menu.

Windows Pesticide Screening Tool WIN-PST 3.0

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[WIN-PST 3.0 Software Download - Released 11-11-05](#)

[Instructions for Installing WIN PST 3.0](#)

[WIN-PST Soils](#)

[WIN-PST 3.0 Getting Started](#)

New! [Pesticide Data Update for WIN PST 3.0 Software \(Released 11/01/2006\)](#)

Updated [Pesticide Properties Database \(PPD\) \(Released 11/01/2006\)](#)

[Documents Related to WIN-PST 3.0](#)

[Pest Management Team Contacts Page](#)

What is WIN-PST?

WIN-PST is a pesticide environmental risk screening tool that NRCS field office conservationists, extension agents, crop consultants, pesticide dealers and producers can use to evaluate the potential for pesticides to move with water and eroded soil/organic matter and affect non-target organisms... [More](#)

WIN-PST 3.0 Software

WIN-PST 3.0 is now CCE Certified! **Released 11-11-05**

New features of WIN-PST 3.0 include:

- ◆ New easier to use interface. [Click here for a screen shot.](#)
- ◆ Brand new “Queue” feature allows users to select and save soils, pesticides and soil/pesticide combinations.
- ◆ Users can see interaction ratings real time without having to create a report.
- ◆ Reports can be saved as MS Word and Acrobat “pdf” documents for easier printing and management.
- ◆ Results can now be exported directly to an MS Excel format for easier incorporation into automated worksheets.
- ◆ Takes soils directly from the SSURGO Access Template (SSURGO Version 2.1 format).

Download WIN-PST 3.0:

For 'nrcs.usda.gov', 'fsa.usda.gov', and 'rd.usda.gov' hosts only

[WIN-PST 3.0 Download for NRCS](#)

Hint: If the NRCS download site does not work, use WIN-PST 3.0 - Alternate Download.

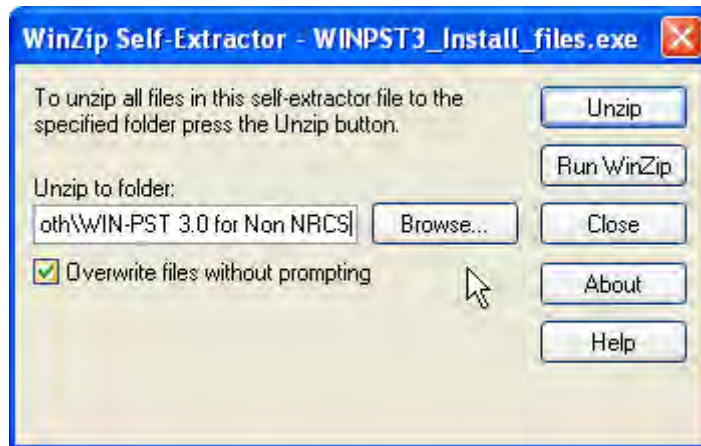
For people outside of nrcs.usda.gov, fsa.usda.gov, or rd.usda.gov should use:

[WIN-PST 3.0 - Alternate Download](#)

Instructions for Installing WIN-PST 3.0:

WIN-PST 3.0 must be installed by an “administrator” on XP and NT platforms. Make sure that

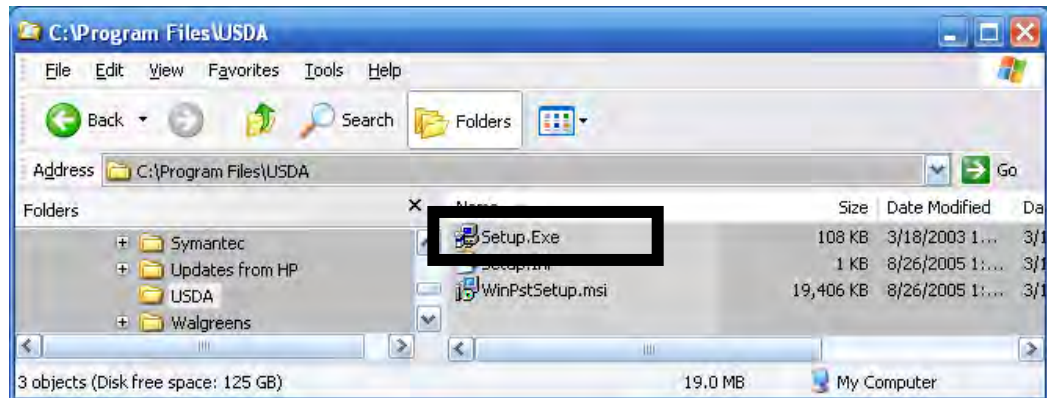
2. Click on the “#b” link “for people OUTSIDE of USDA.”
3. Depending on what “Unzip” program you have installed on your machine, a dialog box somewhat similar to the one below will open.



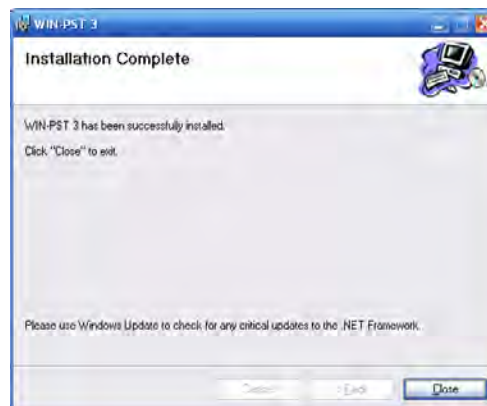
Indicate the folder to unzip the program to. For example: C drive/program files/USDA. The unzipped file will be placed in that location.

B. Install the Software

4. Next, navigate to the chosen folder.
 - a. Double-click on **Setup.Exe** and follow the instructions (basically, just keep clicking NEXT).



- b. When the Installation is complete, you will see the following dialog box. Just click on “Close” to exit.



C. Download the latest pesticide data update

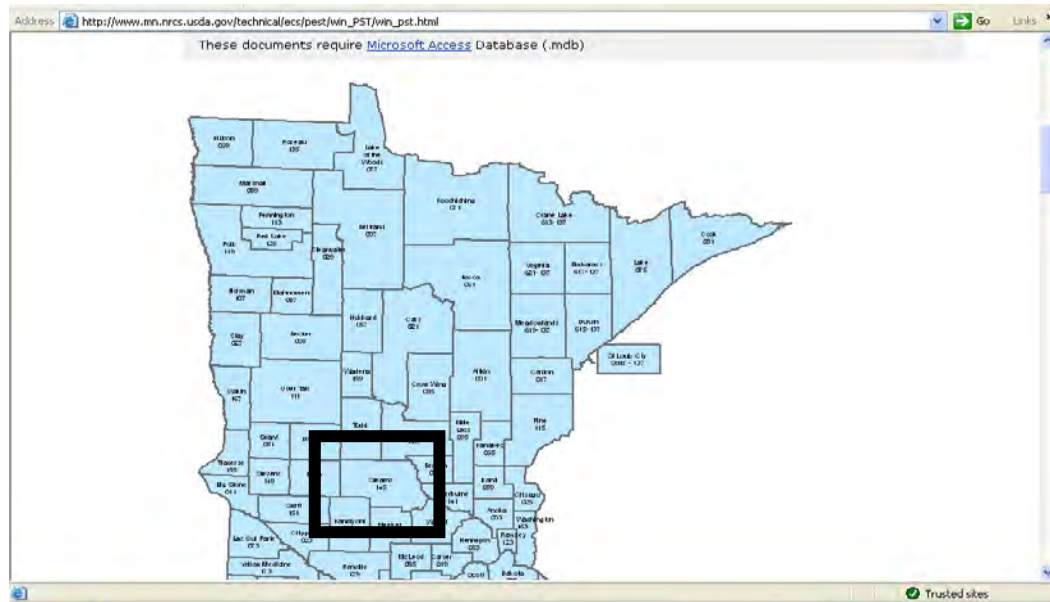
5. Click on Pesticide Data Update shown as #c on the opening screen shot above; read instructions; and then click on Download the WIN-PST 3.0 pesticide data update now found immediately below the instructions.

D. Download the Soils Data

6. On your C drive (or wherever you want to store your data), create a new folder called **Win_Pst_Soils**. You may also want to create county sub-folders within the WIN PST Soils folder if you work in multiple counties.
7. If you closed the web page, reopen Internet Explorer (or other internet browser) and Navigate to the Win_PST Soils data at
http://www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/ecs/pest/win_PST/win_pst.html

The county soil databases at this site are “zipped” mdb files. The mdb files must be “unzipped” before they can be used by the WIN-PST program.

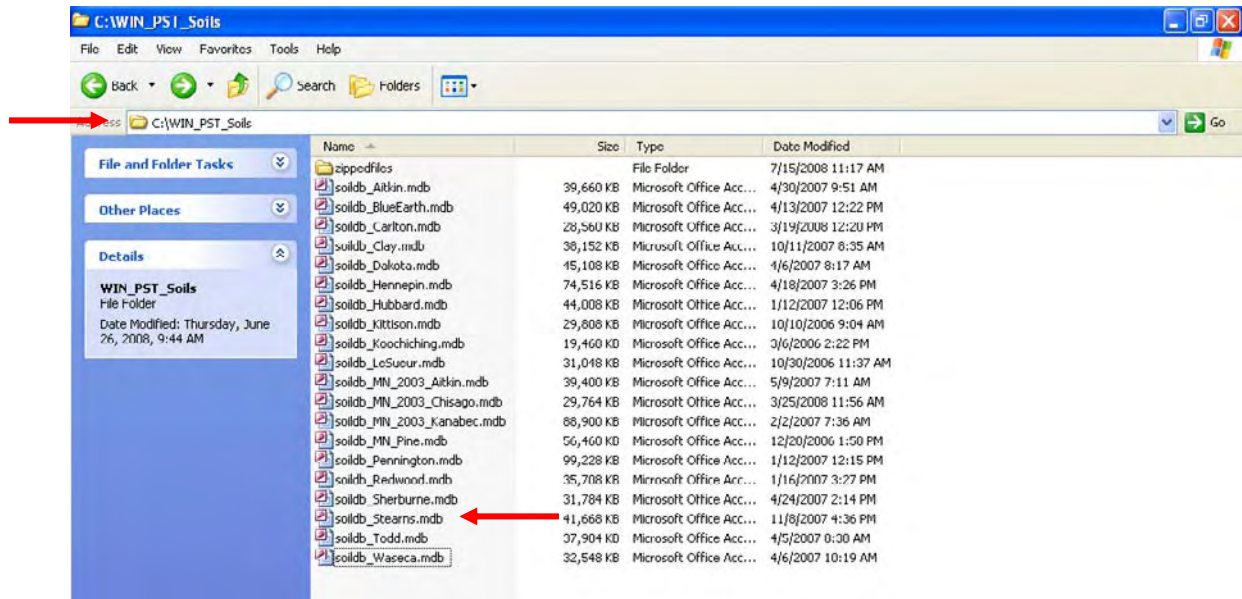
8. A browser window similar to the one below will open. For the purpose of these instructions, we will download Stearns.



- a. Left-mouse Click on **Stearns County** (notice that the cursor turns to a “hand” shape when you drag it over the county names).
- b. The following dialog box will open, prompting you to save or open the zipped mdb file.

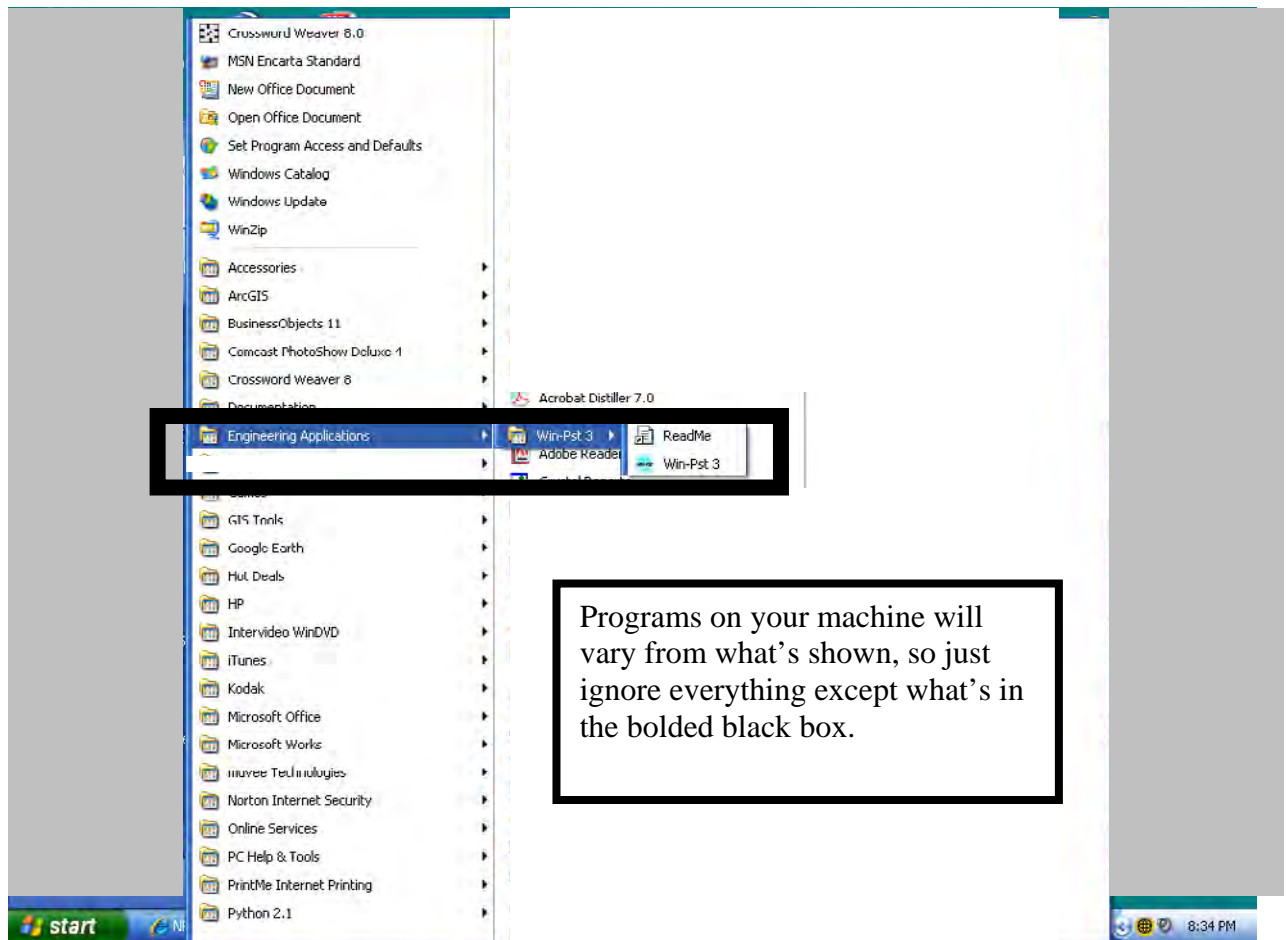


Depending on your software you can “open” and then extract (unzip) the file to the folder or subfolder you created in Step 6 or you can “save” the zipped file to that folder and then extract or unzip it. In the example below Stearns was saved to a separate folder and then extracted or unzipped to a main WIN-PST-Soils folder. If you are working with multiple counties you may want to rename the file from its numeric code (mn145) to Stearns. Note that the file is now an mdb file.

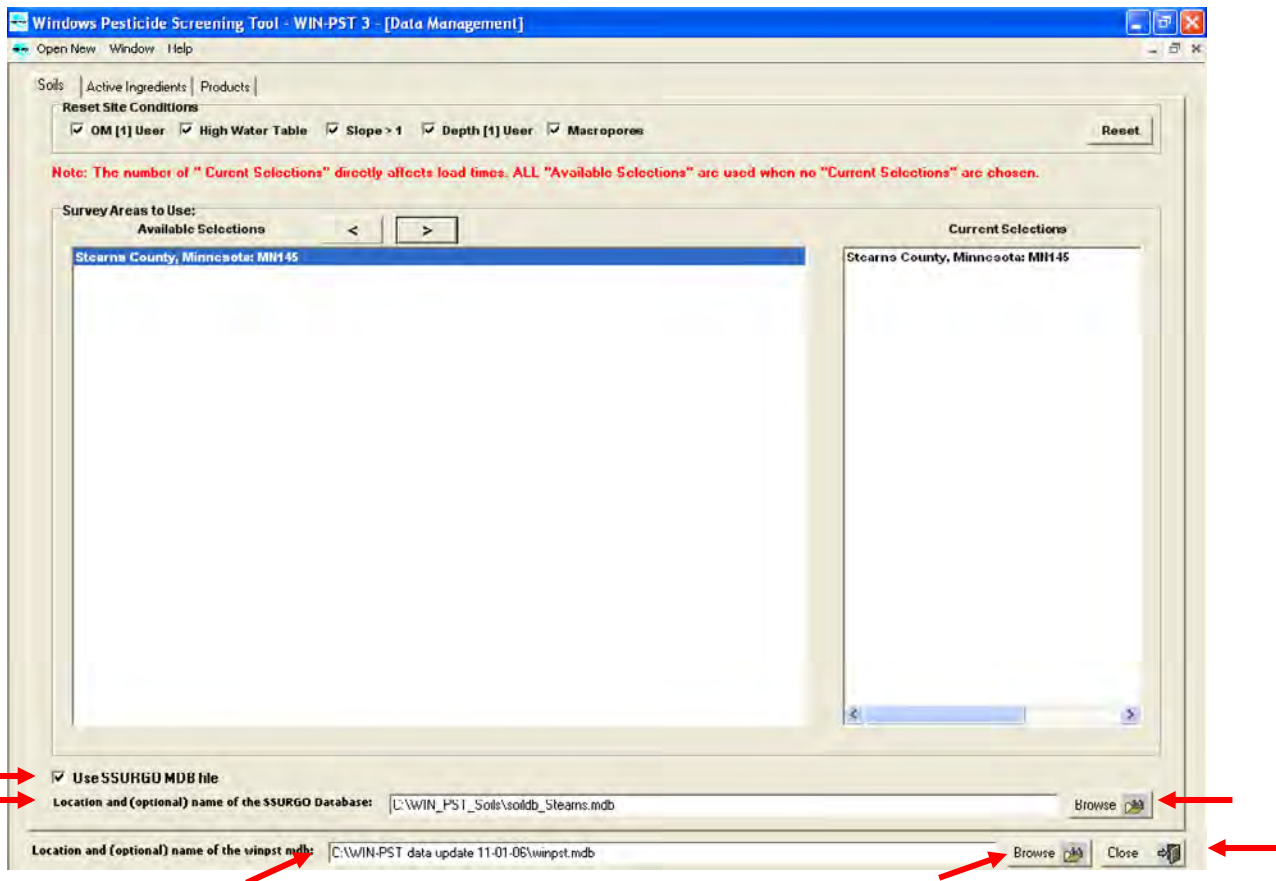


E. Open the Win-PST 3 software and import soils data and latest pesticide update information

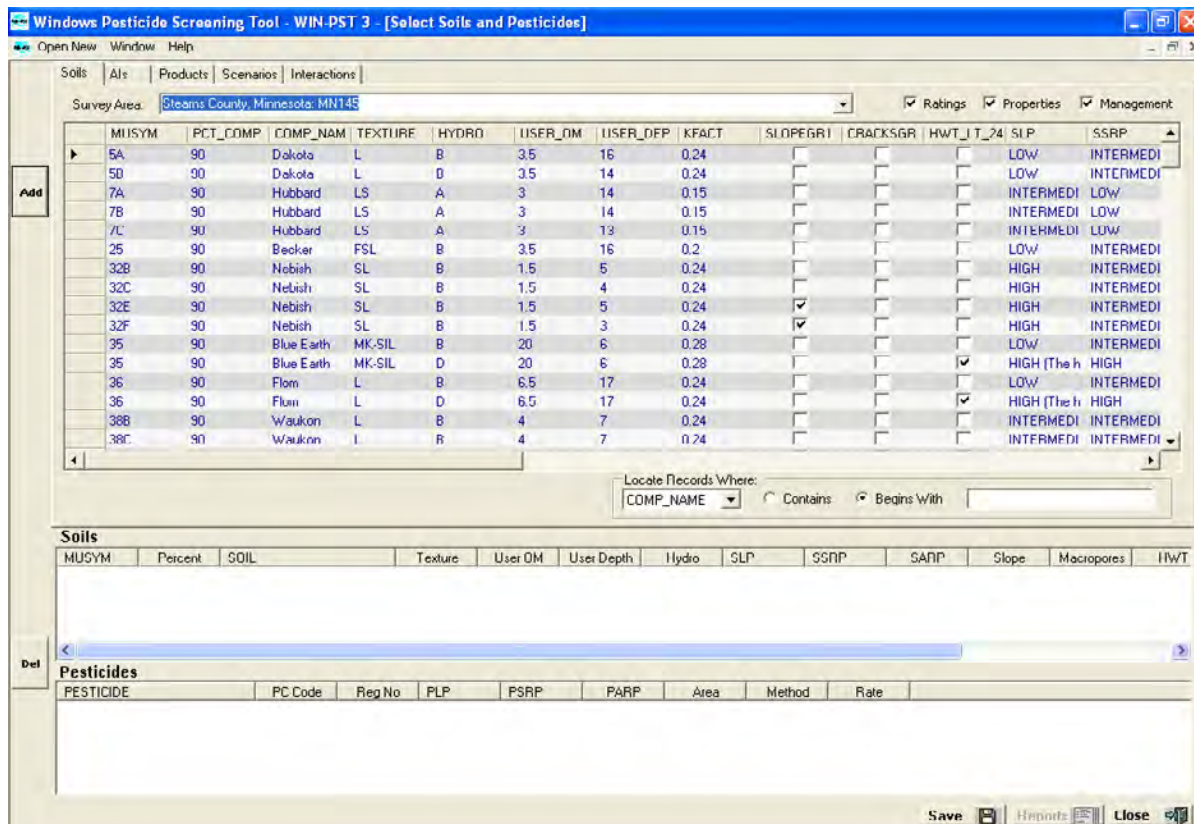
9. Click on the Start button (lower left button on your computer screen).
10. Click on Programs – then look for the newly installed software. It may have been placed under Engineering Applications (as shown below).



11. Click on **Win-Pst 3** to open the program. When opened the 1st time a screen will appear with a Massachusetts soils database. This is a default.
12. **Soils databases.** Review the 1st few pages of the **WIN-PST 3.0 Getting Started Guide** for detailed instructions on importing soils databases into WIN-PST and replacing the default Massachusetts soils database. The user starts by clicking on "Open New" and then "Data Management" in the upper left hand corner of the initial screen.
13. **Newest pesticide properties database.** Choose "Data Management" from the upper left menu of the opened WIN-PST 3.0. At the bottom of the screen will be the text "Location and (optional) name of the winpst.mdb". Use the browse button to the far right to browse to the "WIN-PST data update 11-01-06" folder and choose the new winpst.mdb.



14. If you have correctly imported soils and pesticide data updates, your screen will look like the one above before you click "close" and will look like the screen below after you close.



15. You are now ready to use WIN-PST 3.0. Review the rest of the Getting Started Guide. It is a very helpful document.